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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of)	Examiner: Unknown
Fung-Jou Chen, et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 3761
Serial No.: 10/036,736)	
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Confirmation No.: 3665)	
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Filed: December 21, 2001)	
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For: Sponge-like Pad)	
Comprising Paper)	
Layers and Method of)	
Manufacture)	

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment in the above captioned application before examining the application on the merits:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel original claims 9-66 as were initially filed in the above-captioned application. Please insert new claims 67 through 132 as follows:

67. An absorbent sponge-like product comprising:

a multi-layer compressible substrate, said substrate comprising a plurality of stacked plies of a textured paper web, the paper web having an Overall Surface Depth of greater than about 0.2mm, the paper web comprising pulp fibers, the paper web having a basis weight of at least about 10 gsm, the paper web containing a wet strength agent, said plies being attached together; and